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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/620,779	Applicant(s) DENTER ET AL.	
	Examiner Hien D. Vu	Art Unit 2833	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/16/03 &amp; 2/27/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

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1. The specifications objected to because on page 7, line 20, "201" appears to be – 102 --.
2. Claims 1-22 are objected to because in claims 1 and 11, lines 2-3, the terms "a latch element" and "a control element" are confusing since they appear to be the same element.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

4. (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
5. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP (945,928).

The disclosure of EP provides a complete response to each and every element set forth in the claims. For example: Figs. 1-2B show a fixed housing 40, a latching element 44, a control means 44, a movable housing 10, an actuation slide means 13, a control element 14 and a latching device 15.

As to claim 2, fig. 2A shows the latching device 15 having a latching hook and the latching element being a latching projection 44.

As to claim 3, the latching hook being integrally formed from the sliding means on a distal end of cut out spring arm.

As to claim 4, the control element is a groove and the control is a cam projection.

As to claim 5, the groove extends at an inclination with respect to the direction of movement of the movable housing.

As to claim 6, the groove is formed as a web integrally formed on a surface of the actuation slide means.

As to claim 7, the groove is formed as an opening in a wall of the actuation slide means.

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As to claim 8, the latching element is arranged in an introductory region of the groove.

As to claim 8, the latching element projects into the groove.

As to claim 10, the latching element is formed by the cam projection.

As to claims 11-25 the recitations of these claims are similar as the recitations of claims 1-10, therefore they are rejected under the similar rationale.

6. Fukase et al, Heberlein et al, Burns, Zweigle and Bigotto et al are cited for disclosure of cam slide electrical connectors.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hein D. Vu at telephone number (571) 272-2016.

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